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1. BIO ON SUHADI AND MOOY FOLLOWS PARAS 2 AND 3. WE ASSUME DEPT. HAS BIO ON ALATAS. SINCE LATTER HAS BEEN IN GENEVA FOR SOME TIME, AND IS ONLY INFREQUENTLY IN JAKARTA, WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO HIS RECENT THINKING ON NORTH SOUTH MATTERS. HE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF INDONESIA'S BRIGHTEST AND MOST CAPABLE AMBASSADORS, HAS AN EXCELLENT GRASP OF ISSUES AND IS CLOSE TO WIDJOJO, WHOM HE ACCOMPANIED ON THE LATTER'S RECENT U.S. TRIP. WE BELIEVE HIS INPUT TO NORTH SOUTH MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERABLE.

2. IN MARCH 1975 SUHADI MANGKUSUWONDO WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE, A NEWLY CREATED POST IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE. SUHADI SERVES CONCURRENTLY AS CHAIRMAN OF AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON MULTILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND IS PROBABLY THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF THE INDOESIAN GOVERNMENT IN FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS. MINISTER OF TRADE RADIUS PRAWIRO RELIES HEAVILY ON HIS ADVICE. FROM JUNE 1973 UNTIL HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT, SUHADI SERVED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH IN THE TRADE MINISTRY. SUHADI
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CHAired INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS TO THE CONTINUATION SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC) IN PARIS DURING 1976 AND IS HIS GOVERNMENT'S SENIOR COMMODITIES NEGOTIATOR. HE HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE CIEC CONFERENCE WOULD PROMOTE INDONESIA'S EXPORTS TO INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, BUT HE ALSO FAVORS EXPORT CONTROLS DICTATED BY DOMESTIC SHORTAGES. IN TALKS

WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON TROPICAL PRODUCT EXPORTS IN JULY 1976, SUHADI COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE US DESIRE FOR TRADE RECIPROCITY, BUT THAT INDONESIA SAW NO NEED TO GIVE IN TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS ALONE IN FIGHTING THE TREND AMONG DEVELOPED NATIONS (DC'S) TOWARD UNRECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS FOR LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC'S). HE ECHOED THE TOUGHER INDOESIAN APPROACH TO DC-LDC ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHEN HE CRITICIZED DC PROPOSALS AT THE UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE UN CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AS "MERELY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARGIN" THAT WERE INADEQUATE TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS ALSO ATTENDED JOINT TALKS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) IN BRUSSELS (JUNE 1975), THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SPECIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF ASEAN NATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR (JUNE 1975), THE ASEAN RUBBER PRODUCERS INFORMAL MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR (MARCH 1976) AND THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN BALI (MAY 1976). SUHADI EARNED HIS PHD DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIERSITY FF CALIFORNIA AND IN 1972 WAS A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA. HE MAY ALSO HAVE ATTENDED THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HAWAII IN 1972 AS A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AT THE CENTER'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO MEET WITH SUHADI, HE CAN BE QUITE ACERBIC AT TIMES. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL.

3. MOOY WAS BORN IN EAST NASUTENGGARE IN 1936. HE
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OBTAINED A PHD IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND HAS SINCE THAT TIME BEEN LINKED WITH THE "BERKELEY MAFIA." HE IS CONSIDERED AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT THEORETICAL ECONOMIST. NO CAREER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, BUT HIS APPOINTMENT AT AGE 39 TO THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT POST OF BAPPENAS DEPUTY FOR MONETARY AND FINANCIAL PLANNING CLEARLY MARKS HIM AS A COMER. HE COULD WELL BECOME A MEMBER OF SOME FUTURE CABINET. MOOY IS APPROACHABLE AND OUTGOING AND HAS GOOD RAPPORT WITH MOST FOREIGNERS. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT. ALTHOUGH HE IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO REACH BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY DEMANDS OF HIS POSITION, HE MAKES A GENUINE EFFORT TO BE ACCESSABLE TO THOSE WITH WHOM HE FEELS CONTACT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE CIEC FROM ITS OUTSET. ALTHOUGH PROBABLY AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AS SUHADI, HE GENERALLY DEFERS TO HIS MORE SENIOR COLLEAGUE.

4. REGARDING REFTEL QUESTIONS, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE POSITIONS OF GOI OFFI-

CIALS VARY TO ANY APPRECIABLE DEGREE FROM THE GOVERNMENT
LINE. IN AN APRIL 22 CONVERSATION WITH CANADIAN DCM
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SUHADI'S DEPARTURE FOR PARIS, HE
EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS DEPLY THE ISSUES SINCE,
IN HIS WORDS, HE HAD NOT SPOKEN FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS
WITH HIS MENTOR WIDJOJO, THEN IN THE U.S. SIMILARLY,
EMBOFFS RECENTLY DISCUSSED NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WITH SUHADI
AND MOOY SAME DAY AMBASSADOR TOOK UP THIS SUBJECT WITH
WIDJOJO. PARALLEL BETWEEN TWO SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS
WAS STRIKING. IN GENERAL, WE DO NOT LOOK FOR GOI PARTICI-

PANTS AT ANY CONFERENCE TO STRAY VERY FAR
FROM THE OFFICIAL LINE. MOOY'S SPECIAL EXPERTISE AND
INTEREST IS CENTERED AROUND FINANCING AND DEBT; SUHADI
IS MORE CLOSELY TIED TO TRADE AND COMMODITIES BUT PROBABLY
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EXPERT ON DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY.
IN ADDITION TO CONFERENCES NOTED IN BIO REPORT, SUHADI ALSO
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ATTENDED UNCTAD IV. FROM HIS POSITION IN GENEVA, ALATAS
IS FREQUENT MEMBER OF GOI DELS TO UNCTAD CONFERENCES.
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